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The Honorable Strom Thurmond
209 Russell Building
Washington, D. C. 20501

Dear Senator Thurmond:

The American Association of University Women - S. C. Division with its nearly 1,000 members urges your opposition to The Tuition Tax Credit proposal...S. 2673.

Based on its commitment to full funding for public education and to equal educational opportunity for all Americans, we strongly oppose Tuition Tax Credits at all educational levels. It is clear that public education funding will be cut in amounts equal to that spent on these credits.

In a year when money for other educational entitlement programs is being cut, we much object to money for this new and expensive program. While the administration estimates the cost would be \$2.2 Billion other reliable sources estimate a cost of \$4.5 Billion over the first three years of the program.

We appreciate your careful attention to many of our legislative concerns, and urge your opposition to S. 2673.

Sincerely,

Melba Sprague
Legislative Chair - AAUW
S. C. Division